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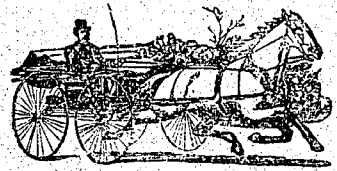
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B. OF T. ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

FRED R. WELSH, PRESIDENT. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGED.

Annual Meeting and Election Held Last Night

The annual meeting and election of a board of directors and officers of the Grayling Board of Trade was held at Sorenson's furniture store last night and was presided over by President Hans Petersen.

It was the general opinion of the retiring board of directors that there were many members besides themselves who would be well qualified to assume the duties of directors and a list was submitted, who it was believed, would be specially desirable members. These, together with those of the present members, were read and the final selection of directors resulted as follows: C. J. Hathaway, T. P. Peterson, Robert H. Gillett, Fred R. Welsh, T. W. Hanson, Adler Jorgenson, Emil Geigling, L. J. Kraus, L. C. Bundgaard and Marlin Hanson. These men will compose the directors for the ensuing year.

After adjournment the newly elected board convened and elected officers as follows: President, Fred R. Welsh; vice president, T. P. Peterson; treasurer, Emil Geigling. C. J. Hathaway was re-elected as secretary.

The retiring officers are president, Hans Petersen; vice president, O. P. Schumann; treasurer, A. M. Lewis. Besides the retiring officers here mentioned, H. Joseph, J. W. Sorenson, M. A. Bates and P. G. Zalsman drop out as directors after serving two years.

It is believed that the new board of directors will add strength to our Board of Trade. They are a lot of loyal boosters for Grayling and extending to them the gravel of authority is bound to make of them more useful and enterprising citizens, and the community will reap the benefit of their efforts. Our city is fortunate in having a strong, wide-awake commercial organization, made up of members rich in community spirit.

We hope for a bigger year than ever for 1917 and trust that every citizen will link themselves with this body of community boosters.

Those who retire from the board of directors have been sturdy workers from the time the Board of Trade was organized. They are men deeply interested in the welfare of the community and their continued support of everything worthy is assured.

Mrs. M. Lake.

Last Friday night, Mrs. M. Lake passed away at Harper hospital, Detroit, where she was taken the night previous. The remains were brought to Grayling and funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. North.

Mrs. Lake was the mother of J. D. Lake, Mrs. Wm. North and Mrs. Eno Milnes all of this city. Before Christmas, she with her husband, came down from Lawiston, their home, to spend the holidays with their children. It was during the fore part of her visit here that she became suddenly ill. She had been troubled with a colic for several years, but not seriously. For over three weeks she was under the care of a physician, and trained nurse, but to no avail, and taking her to Detroit was the last resort for her recovery.

Mrs. Lake was very active, although 54 years of age. She had made many visits here and had made a number of friends, all of whom are sad to learn of her death, and the surviving members of the family all have the sympathy in their sad loss. They consist of a sorrowing husband, two daughters and four sons, Mrs. Eno Milnes, Mrs. Wm. North and J. D. Lake of this city, Ward and Virgil of Flint and Clifford of Lawiston.

After brief funeral services here Monday afternoon the remains were taken to West Branch for burial. Two sisters of the deceased of Owosso came to be in attendance at the funeral.

Mrs. Thomas Robinson.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, wife of Thomas Robinson of this city, passed away last Friday evening at Mercy hospital, after an illness of seven weeks' duration.

Saturday, January 6, she was removed from her home to Mercy hospital, where an operation was performed the following day, and everything was done in the physician's power for her relief but of no avail, and last Friday evening death came to relieve her sufferings.

Mrs. Robinson was 40 years and 4 months old and had made Grayling her home for the past six years, and was quite well known. For the past two years, she with her husband have been conducting a boarding house.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the M. E. church, Rev. Aaron Mitchell officiating, and was attended by a large number of neighbors and friends. Mrs. Fred Walters of Metz, Mich., a sister of the deceased, and a brother, Michael DePeal of Omer, Mich., and two sons, Ezra and Chester Brad to a former husband, both of Midland, Mich., and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Barker were in attendance at the funeral.

Besides those mentioned the deceased leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, and three sons, who reside here, Ivan, Therman and Charles, and three sisters and three brothers, all of whom have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for the aid and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our wife and mother. Also our sincere thanks for the beautiful floral contributions. Thomas Robinson and family.

Little Child of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Atkinson Dies.

Edna Louise Atkinson, age about 20 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Atkinson of the South side, passed away Tuesday afternoon of this week. The little one had been suffering from inflammation of the lungs.

Edna Louise was born April 26, 1915 at Wolverine. The memory of the little one will be cherished by the fond parents and one brother. The funeral service will be held Friday afternoon and be conducted by Rev. Mitchell; interment will be at Elmwood cemetery.

RESULTS TELL.

There Can Be No Doubt About the Results in Grayling.

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What better proof of merit can be had?

Ed. G. Clark, band master, Citizen's band, Cedar St., Grayling, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for several years with excellent results. Whenever my back has been weak or lame or the kidney secretions have been irregular in passage, I have used a box or so of Doan's Kidney Pills. They have never failed to cure me of the attack in short order. I gladly advise anyone to get a box or so of Doan's Kidney Pills at Lewis' drug store, if troubled in that way."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Clark uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N.Y. adv.

Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

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A precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled The boon His love had given; And tho' her body slumbers now, Her soul is safe in heaven.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes. SUNDAY SERVICES.

Morning at 10:30 o'clock. Evening service at 7:00.

Strangers are particularly welcomed to these services.

A young Men's club has been organized and will meet every Monday evening at 8:00 in the room behind the church. Ages 14 years and upwards. President, Lionel McClain; secretary, Russell Lewis, with Howard Granger. 14 members are enrolled, others will be later. Come along, boys.

On Tuesday evening next, a ten cent coffee will be served, and a candy and bake sale held in the M. E. church. Don't miss this event.

For one more week only can you buy our well known combination felt mattress at the old price, \$5.75. After Jan. 25th it will advance 50c. If you need a mattress don't miss this opportunity to save 50c. Sorenson Bros.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM IMPROVED

MOVED INTO NEW QUARTERS.

Grayling Telephone Company Enlarges Plant.

The Grayling Telephone company has moved into new quarters—the rooms over the postoffice. These have been cleaned, the walls and ceilings tinted and the floor covered with linoleum and make a most comfortable, light and sanitary home for the Telephone company.

It was some big job to cut the wires, transfer the switch boards and recouple the wires. This was done Saturday night. Telephone service was entirely off during that time and but few people knew it. The wires were cut at 9:00 p. m. Saturday and at 6:00 a. m. next morning the first ring was received at the new quarters, the transfer requiring about nine hours.

A new 100-line switch board has been added to the switch board, nearly doubling the capacity of the plant. The ringing outfit of the old switch board has been replaced with new and more modern equipment, and the connecting cords increased in number from ten to thirty. This will greatly improve the service, which during the past year has been crippled because of a patronage that was too heavy for the plant.

The waiting room is separate from the operating room and will be made comfortable for those who are awaiting long distance calls. The rooms are light, fresh and clean and are a great improvement over the old quarters, the rooms in the rear of the post-office.

The proprietor, Melvin A. Bates, says that he can assure his patrons an improved service just as soon as they can get fully settled and everything in running order. He is taking a lot of just pride in this improvement and says that he is certain that the people of Grayling will be pleased with the new service.

Lumber Companies Holding Annual Meetings.

The annual meetings of the local lumber companies are being held here this week. Salling, Hanson company held their meeting at the company's offices yesterday. The old officers were re-elected—R. Hanson, president; O. S. Hawes, vice president; O. W. Hanson, treasurer and manager, and Wilhelm Raas, secretary.

Today the Johannesburg Manufacturing company is meeting at their offices in Johannesburg. A special train containing the stockholders and a few friends left here at 8:00 a. m. and will return early this evening.

Tomorrow will be held the meetings of R. Hanson & Sons, Kerry & Hanson Flooring company and the Grayling Hotel company.

These meetings will be concluded with a seven o'clock dinner at Shoppenagou's Inn Friday evening, which will be followed by cards and dancing at the Social club rooms, complimentary of the above named Lumber companies.

Some of those from out of the city in attendance are Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hawes, Mrs. J. Sidney Graham, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Michelson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Michelson all of Detroit; and E. J. Cornwall of Saginaw.

If you were born in January, a garnet birthstone ring would be appreciated. Hathaway has them.

EMIL KRAUS

Our Big Reduction Sale

is still going on and will continue for one week more. You will make a mistake if you do not get some of these bargains which we are offering in all departments.

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The Vanderbilt-Frederic Basket Ball Game.

Frederic boys and girls' basket ball teams went to Vanderbilt last Friday evening and won one game and lost one, our local boys being the winners. The girls' game was the fastest game. Was the fastest game that was ever played in Vanderbilt, the score being 6 to 7 in favor of Vanderbilt. It was a go from the start of the whistle to the end of the first half, at this time the score being 4 to 4. The second half began and Frederic took the lead making a free throw, but Vanderbilt also did the same a minute later, the score remaining that way until the end of the game. With the score a tie the whistle blew for them to play and every person in the hall was on their feet pulling for their own team, and Frederic made the first point, but Vanderbilt came back with one also, tying the score, and the audience almost went mad. The score stood that way for about five minutes, neither side being able to make a point, but Vanderbilt came through with a free throw, winning the game.

The Frederic girls were outwitted nearly two to one, but they put up a very fast game and will make the best of the teams in the country play to beat them. They have two of the fastest guards along the line in Miss Gendron and Miss Reynolds. The forwards will keep the best of the guards hustling to watch them and they are very good at basket shooting.

BOYS GAME.

In the boys game Frederic was very slow in getting started but as soon as they got their gunnery turned on there was no doubt of the outcome of the game. At the end of the first half the score was 26 to 3 with Frederic in the lead. The second half began and Frederic started their murderous work again right at the start, Johnson and Reynolds shooting baskets from all parts of the floor. Star guarding was done by Smock and Cameron at this period of the game and McDermid helped them along. It was a much better game than the score indicated, as it was very fast and everybody was moving all the time. The Vanderbilt team has good material, but a little

practice won't do them any harm. The second half ended with Frederic in the lead 44 to 7.

BREAD IMPROVER IS BIG AID IN REDUCING THE COST OF LIVING

Ho-Mayde Makes Deliciously Good Bread From Even Cheaper Grades of Flour.

"With the price of baker's bread increased, and no indications that former prices will prevail for months and perhaps years, thousands of women are making bread in their own kitchens in an effort to reduce the cost of living," said C. I. Chapin, general manager of the Ho-Mayde Products Co., of Detroit.

"And many of these women have found Ho-Mayde Bread Improver of great assistance in making bread because the wholesome product, when dissolved in the yeast, assures absolutely dependable results."

"The Bread Improver shortens the time of bread making and prevents failures. It makes larger, softer and whiter loaves and imparts a nut-like flavor to the bread."

"It is not necessary to set bread over night when Ho-Mayde is used. Bread set in the morning is out of the oven by noon, and by its use an extra loaf is made from the same materials. "Hundreds of housewives have informed me that they have greatly reduced the cost of living by using Ho-Mayde, as they are assured light, nutritious loaves of excellent bread even when the cheaper grades of flour are used."

The Ho-Mayde Products Co., which is sending sample packages of the Bread Improver to all women, upon request, has received testimonial letters from hundreds of housewives, as well as editors of several women's magazines, highly endorsing Ho-Mayde. It is said that Ho-Mayde will play a prominent part in reviving bread making, which, for the average woman, is almost a lost art.

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is built on a sure and safe foundation—Quality—Not hearsay nor guess-work.

Lily White is made to make good. It fulfills its purpose and has developed a wonderful reputation.

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The Quarterbreed

A Modern Indian Reservation
Story by Robert Ames Bennet

IF you discovered that an able man of unscrupulous character and political power enough to wreck your career was trying to do harm to the girl you loved by stealing her affections and turning them to evil purposes, would you shoot him before he spoiled the girl or wait until he did it and then kill him? Consider Captain Hardy's predicament, as described in this installment. The army officer, you will recall, went to Lakotah reservation as acting agent following the murder of Agent Nogen and a threatened uprising of the Indians. Wounded by an ambush shot, he falls in love with Marie Dupont, a quarterbreed, who nurses him, but gives no definite answer to his proposal of marriage because she is enamored of Reginald Vandervyn, agency clerk and scapegrace nephew of Senator Clemmer. Hardy learns the Indians are disaffected because old Jacques Dupont, a wily post trader, and Vandervyn have cheated them in an illegal tribal mine deal. At first the red men, deceived by Vandervyn, misunderstand the officer's motives, but finally accept him as their friend, and a commission, led by Vandervyn, prepares to go to Washington to secure a division of tribal lands and the sale of mines owned by Indians. Vandervyn plans to get profit for himself.

CHAPTER XVI—Continued.

So began the second period of Hardy's close companionship with the girl, and the intimacy appeared as sincere and friendly as the first one, when Vandervyn was in the mountains with Redbear. Almost every day they rode out to examine the Wolf river watershed, and estimate as best they could without surveying instruments the number of acres that could be put under ditch.

Hardy had at once written for reports on similar undertakings. Before receiving them he was agreeably surprised by an official telegram from Washington instructing him to at once send on the tribal delegation, in the charge of Redbear. So swift an unrecalling of government red tape proved that powerful influences were favoring the consummation of the new treaty. Hardy ungrudgingly gave Vandervyn the credit of being a very successful lobbyist.

A runner was dispatched to bring in Redbear and the delegates. They came without delay. Redbear's arm was so nearly healed that he had full use of it. Olnna did not accompany him. He said their grandfather had become so fond of her that he had insisted upon her remaining in the mountains until the return of the delegation from Washington. Marie offered to send for her and give her a home while her brother was away, but Redbear hastily declared that the girl wished to stay with the old chief.

Hardy took charge of the delegation as far as the railroad, and Marie and Dupont went along to keep him company. He provided for the comfort aboard train of Redbear and the five solemn chiefs, and shipped them off with through tickets to Washington and a careful set of instructions to help them in the conduct of their mission.

"My only wish is that I might go with them," he remarked, as the "iron horse" whirled them away toward the land of the sunrise. "They will be like babes in the Woods."

"You sure have done your level best for them, Cap," replied Dupont. "You ain't got no license to worry nobod. Mr. Van is there to boost 'em along."

"Besides, you have your work here," added Marie with a glance that completely diverted his thoughts.

They spent the night in the rough shack misnamed a hotel, and at dawn started on their return to the agency. As Dupont's pony was continually lagging behind, Hardy had the pleasure of Marie's company virtually alone for the greater part of the ride. She seemed to enjoy this quite as much as he, and remained in gracious good-humor even through the blazing heat of midday. Nor did she allow herself to feel fatigued until, after their arrival at the agency, she had cooked a savory supper, and then entertained Hardy for an hour or more in her artistic little parlor.

The next day, fresh as ever, Marie was ready to ride up to the falls and help him run a line of levels with the instruments that he had hired in town. Never had he known anyone so abounding in life. Mentally as well as physically, she seemed ever tireless, buoyant, animated.

Day after day they worked and planned for the good of the tribe; day after day her graciousness toward him increased. And day after day his love for her deepened and strengthened until it could be seen in his every look and act, and heard in every inflection of his voice when he spoke to her. Though her manner toward him showed no trace of overt coquetry, she made no effort to repress his silent devotion or to check the growth of his passion.

A week after the departure of the delegation found him fully looking the part of a gallant lover—ardent, youthful, almost handsome. He had lost much of his former look of pensive severity. Even the silvery hairs over his temples seemed to be regaining their original ruddy brown.

A few days later one of the lines of levels happened to bring him and the girl to the edge of the coulee, across from the butte. He suggested that they go down and across to the spring rill for a drink.

As they turned back, Marie recognized the exact spot where he had been shot. Womanlike, she shuddered and turned pale at the recollection, though at the time of the occurrence she had been so brave.

"Look!" she said in a half-whisper. "Here is where you fell. I thought you were killed. It was well worth while," he replied. His voice shook with the irresistible passion of his love. "Dearest!—let me call you that here, this once! It was here I first looked into the depths of your heart, and learned how good and kind you are."

The girl turned to hide her face from the reverent adoration of his gaze.

"No, no," she murmured. "Don't please!"

"I must speak, dear," he replied. "I ask nothing of you. It is only that I wish to tell you how you made me realize again that life is worth living."

When I came from the Coast, I had lost one dearer to me than anyone else in all the world—my mother. She was a little woman, very frail—her blue eyes were dim and faded, her hair white; but even when she was at the very end—her dear eyes sought to ease my grief with the same look you gave me as you bent over me here and thought me fatally injured.

"Please!" begged the girl, choking back a sob. "I do not deserve—Your mother!—but I am not kind nor good!"

Hardy went on in the same voice of profound passion: "You lifted me out of the shadow of the Valley. You came to me in my blank darkness, a glorious light of divine goodness that compelled me to see that all was not wrong with the universe—that even so great a loss as mine might be for the best."

"I am not what you think me—I am not!" she reiterated.

"You restored my faith and hope," he insisted. "It would be selfish of me to ask anything more of you now."

"It would be useless—useless!" she cried.

He was too little versed in feminine nature to realize that her vehemence might indicate an effort to suppress an inner doubt of the assertion. Had he been a few years younger, youthful impetuosity might have won him that which his reverent respect shrank from urging. He had taken her gloved hand. He pressed it to his lips, and freed her.

"I shall not annoy you, dear," he said. "Yet I cannot take that as final. I shall wait until he returns. Then I shall take my fighting chance."

"You will?" she whispered.

"I shall not give up until you have pledged yourself to him. If I can, I will prove that. He cannot possibly love you as I love you. If it is possible to win you for my wife, I will do it."

Marie quivered, and shrank from him as if startled. "You say, when he comes back—But until then you—You will not—"

"Until then we shall continue to be the same good comrades that we have been."

The girl drew in a deep breath.

"Then—let us go back to work."

Hardy accepted the suggestion with a self-control that was as remarkable as it was misplaced.

CHAPTER XVII.

The Only Woman.

During the pleasant, busy days that followed, to all appearances Marie enjoyed the work and planning and the long hours of companionship fully as much as Hardy. Dupont, now ever bluff and genial, kept close to his store. But during the long evening discussions his eyes often twinkled cunningly under their gray tints. No word had been received from Washington except two notes from Vandervyn to Dupont, reporting favorable progress and inclosing sealed letters to Marie. She told nothing of what these contained, even to her father.

Hardy's first and last message in regard to the new treaty was an official notification that it had been duly approved and signed, after fifteen million dollars had been decided upon as the compensation to the tribe for the

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He was still more surprised when, the following day, he and Marie rode down Sioux creek to where it flowed into Wolf river. The moment they viewed down the coulee opened before them, they perceived several tents pitched in the bottom, at the foot of the butte. They found twenty or twenty-five rough-looking men encamped along the spring rill in light dog-tents. A few were cowboys, but the greater number had the appearance and outfit of prospecting miners. They stared at Marie with the respectful admiration of typical Westerners for an "honest" woman, and readily answered Hardy's civil questions.

Notice of the prospective opening of the mineral lands of the reservation had been published in a few very obscure weekly papers. One of the men gave Hardy a blurred sheet of a little country journal, and pointed out the government notice. It was printed in the midst of several uninteresting legal notices. The old fellow winked knowingly, and remarked that, as long as he was in on the game, he didn't care how quiet it was played.

"What could that man have meant about being in on a quiet game?" Marie asked Hardy, as they rode down the coulee to take the road back to the agency.

"I believe I understand, and I do not altogether like it," replied Hardy. "The fellow probably is right in thinking that undue influence is being exerted to give as little publicity as possible to the opening of the mineral lands to entry."

"Do you really think so? Of course it is not right—Yet where is the harm? These men have been enterprising enough to seize the opportunity, and they deserve the chances of good fortune."

"The transaction has rather too much the appearance of a prearranged scheme," replied Hardy. His thoughtful face darkened with the shadow of anxiety. "If I could be sure that it would bring off good fortune to you!"

The profound tenderness and concern in his voice seemed to startle Marie. She leaned forward, and put her pony into a gallop.

The day before, immediately upon receipt of the official statement from Washington, Hardy had sent a messenger to notify Ti-ova-konza. Two days later the head chief came with all his large family, including Olnna. Marie insisted that the girl should come to stay with her until the return of Redbear, and immediately fitted out the girl with good dresses from her own wardrobe. When Hardy spoke of her generosity, she smiled and shrugged.

"It is little enough to do for anyone, captain. I was tired of those old gowns. Anyway, as a quarterbreed, I owe it to my own self-respect to keep a halfbreed girl from going around like a full-blood woman."

"Her brother will be greatly pleased."

"I had no thought of him. He is rather a worthless fellow. It is strange to me how proud Olnna is of him. She says nothing, but one can see that she is in a fever of joyous excitement over the prospect of his return."

Hardy frowned, parted his lips to speak, and thought better of it.

"You were going to say—?" observed Marie.

"Something that must be left unsaid, if you will pardon me," he replied, and he shifted the conversation to the question of accommodations for the commissioners.

The arrival of the commissioners early in the afternoon of the following day would have taken the agency by surprise if Hardy had not posted a lookout on the signal mountain. The prearranged smoke-sign gave warning of the approach of the party while it was yet many miles away over the plains. Even at that, Hardy and Marie and Dupont were not quite ready to greet the visitors when they came into view down the valley. The explanation of their quick trip from the railroad at once became evident. Commissioners, Indian delegates and all were stowed in two large touring cars.

Vandervyn was driving the foremost car. He brought it up the slope of the agency terrace with a rush, and spun it around in a curve that ended before the porch of the Dupont house. The second car rolled straight on across the terrace to the tepee of Ti-ova-konza.

Hardy, who was about to start across to the office, paused in the porch to welcome the commissioners. Dupont hurried out of the rear doorway in acknowledgment of Vandervyn's respectful salute, quietly drew back into her parlor.

In the front seat beside Vandervyn was a big, red-faced man, whose bleared eyes immediately began to scrutinize Hardy, and as quickly turned away when they met his clear gaze. The five men in the tonneau all had the look of a certain kind of politician, and all met Hardy's cordial greeting with a cold formality that would have chilled even a place-hunter.

Put upon his dignity by this unexpected rebuff, the captain drew back into the porch. Dupont received a

more pleasant response to his bluff welcome. He jerked open the door of the tonneau, and offered his hand to each of the commissioners in turn as they stepped stiffly into the porch.

"My friend Jake Dupont, gentlemen," said Vandervyn.

Every member of the party at once smiled upon the trader, and shook hands with him. Most cordial of all was the big man who had sat in the front seat.

Marie now stepped out to greet the visitors, and was formally introduced by Vandervyn. With a gracious composure that would have done credit to the most exclusive of drawing rooms, she welcomed the visitors, and invited them to luncheon.

The most polite member of the commission promptly accepted the invitation on behalf of himself and his companions, and the party followed their hostess into her parlor. Vandervyn lingered a moment to favor Hardy with a smile of ironical condolence.

"Cheer up, these lame ducks!" he said. "But they stand in with the big fellows. They had the cars shipped out from Chicago to accommodate them. Better struggle up on their warm side—What, not going, surely? You must come in to lunch and show us how tactful a tactician can be."

"Thanks, no," replied Hardy. "I'll ask you kindly to excuse me to Miss Dupont. The commissioners may find me at the office at any time that suits them."

Vandervyn shrugged and went into the house, his smile a trifle forced. He at once joined his party in their eager acceptance of Dupont's most cordial expression of hospitality, his eight-year-old whiskey. Marie had excused herself to the guests. By the time she reappeared every member of the party was aglow with the effect of the shower of compliments, all in doubtful taste, and some decidedly too free and easy.

She looked to Vandervyn, and met only with an uneasy smile. Feeling that he would say nothing, she replied to the offenders with a wit and dignity that soon altered their bearing toward her. They were puzzled to find a garden rose in this rough wilderness, but she soon brought them to the realization that they were not at liberty to splash mud on her petals. The luncheon completed her conquest.

Vandervyn came to the table with all the uneasiness gone from his smile. He took his seat, and proceeded to extol Marie's skill as a chef. Olnna, bearing a tray, came in, and began to serve luncheon. Though extremely shy, she started with a defensiveness that showed careful training. Several moments passed before Vandervyn looked up and perceived her. The surprise was too sharp even for his assurance. He stopped short in his talk, and stared at her, disconcerted.

At sight of his frown the girl dropped her tray, now fortunately empty, and with a little, gasping cry fled from the room. She did not reappear. Marie passed off the awkward incident with a smile and a tactful explanation of Olnna's excessive shyness. The Indian boy finished the serving.

Vandervyn had delivered Hardy's messages. They had been received alike by Marie and by the commissioners without comment. After luncheon one of the commissioners brusquely proposed that Hardy be summoned to attend upon them. Vandervyn interposed with the suave suggestion that the acting agent might leave in the safe company of the papers necessary to a full understanding of the affairs of the agency.

At this the party lingered only for a parting nip at Dupont's liquid hospitality. Assuring Marie that they would return in time for dinner, they left under the escort of their host.

With the excuse that he had mislaid his hat, Vandervyn returned to the dining room. When he came out, he shut the door. Marie was alone in the parlor. All the suppressed fire of his passion flamed in his face, as he turned and came swiftly back to the waiting girl. There could be no doubt that he expected her to meet him halfway.

She stood beside a chair, somewhat pale, but outwardly very calm. Yet did not advance a single step. Yet, blinded by his own ardor, he came on without heeding the look in her face until within arm's-reach of her. Then at last he perceived her lack of response, and stopped.

"I say!" he exclaimed. "What's the matter? Is this the way to welcome me back, sweetheart?"

The term of endearment brought a quick blush into the girl's cheeks. But she replied in cold, even tones: "Are you now at liberty to address me as your fiancée?"

His eyes shifted before her level gaze. "Don't be foolish, Marie. You know you're the only woman. You know that engagement must stand until we are sure of the mine. There is something else, as well—"

"This is quite enough for the present," she broke in. "I promised to wait for you until you should come back—free from your cousin. You've returned, but you are not free from her. Is it honorable for you to speak to me now?"

"How can I help it?" he urged, seeking to melt her with his ardent gaze. "You are the only woman—the only one in all the world to me. There is not another half as beautiful, a tenth as charming!"

She quivered in response to the deep, golden tones of his voice, yet held herself firm with all the strength of her resolute will.

"You speak of love," she rejoined. "You say nothing of marriage."

"How can I?" he asked in an agitated tone. "You know that until we get the mine—But that won't be long now. These commissioners are jumping-jacks in the hands of my uncle. They will hustle matters through for us—short order. Once I've got the mine, I'll be a free man, and then, sweetheart—"

But the girl drew back from his pleading arms.

"No," she said. "If I must wait, so must you. If you mean what you say, you should be satisfied that I still feel I may have to wait."

"You mean—that?" he stammered.

"Why did you come first? Why could I not have known him first?"

"I see," he muttered. "It's that—that tin soldier."

"Yes, it is—that gentleman!" she flashed back. Again the slender finger nails cut into her palms.

"Nice fatherly old fog!" sneered Vandervyn. "You're far too much alive, too much of a real woman, to mistake

you to take a stand against him and back me up with her."

"You sure can count me in on that, Mr. Van," eagerly assented Dupont.

"All right, I've got him fixed. But I wanted to make sure of your backing. If he comes to dinner tonight I'll have a guy little surprise or two up my sleeve for him."

"I been waiting to ask you about the mine. How're we going to work the deal?"

"We've got to make a show of a real contest. It's to be run on the old-style rush plan."

"Suppose one of them there men at the butte has the best horse?"

Vandervyn thrust out his jaw. "Don't flash yourself, I'm going to have that mine. This is my idea of the way we'll fix it." He leaned over and murmured in Dupont's ear.

The trader shook his head. "Um—um—I'm not saying that mightn't work. Just the same, though, it'd make you the only one what could do the entering. I'd be a sooner."

"The mine would be entered by me, but of course we would have the understanding that you were to get your half," replied Vandervyn. He stepped briskly to the door. "Come, I guess the bunch has had time enough to cool their heels."

Still frowning dubiously, Dupont followed him over to the office, where Hardy and the commissioners sat waiting for them, stiff and constrained.

What sort of conspiracy do you think that Vandervyn and these crooked commissioners have formed against Captain Hardy? When the Indians find they have been tricked will they shed white blood?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

USE FOR SUGAR-BEET PULP

In France it is now dried and transformed into what is called "Sugar Flour."

your feeling toward him for love. Love! that's the word, sweetheart—you and love and happiness! You and I, sweetheart!"

She blushed and trembled. But she had spent all the days of his absence in that intimate comradeship with Hardy. At the moment when Vandervyn thought to take her into his arms, her will rallied, her eyes hardened with resolution.

"I have said that I will wait. That is enough. You also shall wait."

His eyes narrowed. "Has it never occurred to you that you may be a bit too sure of me? The mine may pinch out after the first few hundred thousands. I'm in on another deal that stands to net a cool million. When I get that in bank, I can have any girl I choose to go after."

"If I had ten times a million, and could buy you a character like his, I would gladly pay it all—"

The slash of a whip in his face would have stung him far less. He stared at her a long moment, while the full meaning of the words cut through the armor of his self-esteem. Mortification, anger, furious chagrin flamed in his face. He raised his hand as if to strike her, and instead, whirled about and rushed out through the porch.

The girl sank on her knees, and pressed her hands to her lips to stifle the cry that would have called him back. When she looked up, her face was white and drawn with anguish. But she had conquered.

"He shall not—shall not know my weakness!" she whispered with fierce determination. "If only it has offended him beyond forgiveness! If only he may go away—forever! I might be able to forget him—in time!"

CHAPTER XVIII.

Pleasant Little Surprises.

Too furious to heed what he was about, Vandervyn struck off up a rugged gulley behind the Dupont house. An hour passed before he came back down the mountain-side. He was changing his clothes when Dupont brought him an impatient summons from the office: "Hurry up, Mr. Van. They want you. Where you been all this time?"

"Went for a stroll," drawled Vandervyn. "They can wait." His voice became harsh and incisive. "I want to speak to you about something. You've been letting Marie get in thick with him."

"Who? You mean Cap?" spurred Dupont. "You didn't say you wanted me to keep 'em from running together."

"You should have seen the danger. I take it, she has been alone with him most of the time."

"Well, what of it?" muttered Dupont.

"What of it?" echoed Vandervyn.

"Don't you know enough about army officers to realize that he would never marry a quarterbreed?"

Dupont's crafty eyes narrowed. "I'm not so all-fired sure of that. There's lots of 'em has married even half-breeds. I've seen 'em."

"Years ago, when the frontier was months away from civilization."

"Maybe, and maybe then breed girls wasn't a tenth as good looking as Marie. She's a lady."

Vandervyn's lip curled. "If you must have the gaff, Jake—how about yourself? Do you think an officer son-in-law would care to have you visiting him at an army post?"

Dupont scowled. "Well, there ain't been no harm done, and you're back now."

"Quite true. But his attentions have put Marie on her high horse. I wish

Honduras has discovered extensive asphalt.

Safe Bet.

A woman in Porterville, Pa., laughed herself to death, but we are willing to wager that it wasn't over one of her husband's jokes.—Detroit Times.

Big Demand for Steel Pipe.

A notable romance of industry is found by a Pittsburgh company in the extension of the uses of iron and steel pipe. The applications are continually increasing. Among the purposes for which the pipe is now employed may be mentioned agricultural implements, automobiles, bedstead and hospital furniture, architectural work, grill work, building columns, refrigerating machinery, dry-kiln apparatus, elevator cars, fence posts, ornamental fences, flagpoles, gymnasium apparatus, wheelbarrows, work benches, ornamental gates, elevator grain spouts, laundry chutes, irrigation systems, safety ladders, room cylinders, warship masts, lighting and high tension poles, playground apparatus, electric wiring conduits, railway signal apparatus, sprinkler systems, signal towers, and for many parts of the equipment of mines, mills, and other establishments.

When Work Is Hard

Due to kidney troubles as so common is due to the strain put upon the kidneys in so many occupations, such as: jarring and jolting on railroads, etc. Cramp and strain as in barbering, moulding, heavy lifting, etc. Exposure to changes of temperature in iron furnaces, refrigerators, etc. Dampness as in tenements, quarries, mines, etc. Inhaling poisonous fumes in painting, printing and chemical shops. Doan's Kidney Pills are fine for strengthening weak kidneys.

BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK "CASCARETS"

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

LOVE THRIVES ON EUGENICS

Marriages in Milwaukee Are on the Increase Despite Law Against Unfit.

Marriage goes merrily on in Milwaukee, regardless of the eugenics law, says the Sentinel of that city.

Figures in the county clerk's office show

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If you want anything in the Drug line give us a call.

Our place is HEADQUARTERS for
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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 18

For sale—My retail coal business.
J. M. Bunting.

Fresh sea food just received. See
my ad in this paper. H. Petersen.
Simpson's are selling their dry goods
and shoes below cost. Investigate.

C. S. Barber, the genial new pro-
prietor of Frederic's sanitary market,
was in the city Saturday.

The Republican State convention
will be held in Detroit, Tuesday, Feb-
ruary 20, 1916. Crawford county is
entitled to two delegates.

In this issue of the Avalanche will
be found a report of the proceedings
of the January session of the Board
of Supervisors. Also the proceedings
of the last Village council meeting.

Supt. Wood, of the Frederic schools,
was a pleasant caller in Grayling Sat-
urday. He says that the enrollment
in their high school has increased
from less than twenty to over fifty.
That is a fine percentage considering
the population of the place, and a
great credit to Frederic people.



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opportunity for the right
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See me quick for Terms
and Particulars.

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Phone 713

25% off on dry goods is some snap
now! Go to Simpson's for it.

Use your auto for power. See ad-
vertisement on last page for particu-
lars. 1-11-4

Read Hathaway's Kryptok adver-
tisement in this issue.

Mrs. Charles A. Canfield is ill at
Mercy hospital but getting along
nicely.

Auction sale January 20. See ad-
vertisement in this issue of the Ava-
lanche.

George N. Olson spent a couple of
days of last week in Detroit on busi-
ness and visiting friends.

Mrs. J. Cariveau was called to Flint
last Thursday night by the serious ill-
ness of their son, Edward.

Will sell Friday and Saturday two
25c packages of Oatmeal for 20c each
with a \$2.00 cash order at A. Trudeau's
store.

You can get four standard maga-
zines one year for 25 cents extra by
renewing your subscription to the
Avalanche.

Mrs. Elf Ragmussen of Detroit ar-
rived last Thursday to spend a couple
of weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Jens Eilerson.

The Oddfellows have invited many
of their friends to a dancing party at
the Temple theatre to be held Friday
night. There will be cards and danc-
ing, with light refreshments.

Last Friday while the West Branch
basket ball team was here some of
the members visited a sick friend at
Mercy hospital and one of them near-
ly had to be interned himself. The
fumes of chloroform emitting from
the operating room at the time made
one of the boys so sick to his stomach
that he had to be assisted from the
building to the school house where he
soon recovered.

Arthur Niles, who spent his Christ-
mas vacation with his mother at the
Palmer house, here, has received a
promotion in his line, in the State's
employ, building the big dam in Man-
istee Co., to the office of the business
manager of the Michigan Power Co.,
located at Jackson, Mich. His friends
here will be glad for his advance,
which was entirely unexpected at this
time. He began his new work last
Monday.

A nominating petition for Nelson
Sharpe for Circuit Judge was being
passed in Crawford county last week.
It contained names of some of our
best known and most highly regarded
citizens. This circuit court district
may well feel lucky and also proud to
have a circuit judge such as Mr.
Sharpe. He is well informed, has a
keen mind and seems specially fitted
for this high office. Everybody here
knows him for he has been on the lo-
cal bench for over twenty-five years.
No doubt he will be returned.

Additional local news on last page.

Council Proceedings.

A regular meeting of the Common
council of the Village of Grayling con-
vened at the Town hall Monday even-
ing, January 7, 1917. Meeting called
to order by H. Petersen, president.
Trustees present—Jorgenson, Cook,
McCullough, Canfield and Milks.
Trustees absent—Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting read and
approved. Finance committee's re-
port read, to wit:

To the president and members of
the Common council of the Village of
Grayling: Your committee on Finance,
Claims and Accounts respectfully rec-
ommended that the accompanying bills
be allowed as follows:

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| 1. Grayling Electric Co.,
Nov. service..... | \$125.55 |
| 2. Nemesis Nielsen, side-
walk rebate..... | \$7.75 |
| 3. N. Schjotz, sidewalk re-
bate..... | 9.70 |
| 4. Central Coal Co., sewer
pipe..... | 96.74 |
| 5. M. A. Bates, Tel. service
1st quarter 1917..... | 13.70 |
| 6. Salling, Hanson Co., sewer
pipe and supplies..... | 9.20 |
| 7. O. P. Schumann, printing
ending Dec. 31st..... | 2.00 |
| 8. Julius Nelson, pay roll
ending Dec. 31st..... | 34.85 |
| 9. Wm. McCullough, snow
plow..... | 15.00 |

Respectfully submitted
W. Jorgenson, Committee.
F. H. Milks.

Moved by McCullough and support-
ed by Jorgenson that the report be ac-
cepted and orders drawn on the treas-
urer for the amounts. Motion carried.
Sidewalk Committee's report read,
to wit:

To the Common council of the Village
of Grayling,
Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned committee on
sidewalks respectfully report that we
have examined the sidewalks adjacent
to Soren, Anderson and Floyd De-
Noyle's property and found them un-
satisfactory and recommend that pay-
ment of same be deferred until they
are put in first-class condition in ac-
cordance with the specifications.

Respectfully submitted.
Geo. W. McCullough, Committee.
John H. Cook,
C. A. Canfield.

Moved by Milks and supported by
Jorgenson that the report be accepted
and filed and payment of sidewalks be
deferred accordingly. Yeas—Cook,
Jorgenson, McCullough, Canfield and
Milks. Absent—Taylor. Motion car-
ried.

Moved by McCullough and support-
ed by Cook that we adjourn. Motion
carried. T. P. Peterson,
Village Clerk.

How Old Will You Be At Fifty.

Will you be 50 years old or 50 years
young? Kidney troubles make many
a person old, when really they should
be young. Don't be one of the old.
Take a kidney tablet as you would a
cathartic. Dr. Navaun's kidney table-
ts are best, 50c at your druggist, A.
M. Lewis.

School Notes

Knight Concert Co., tomorrow night
Floyd Taylor, our night janitor, has
been sick a few days.

The first grade is studying time and
time-pieces this week.

Monzo Randall is a new pupil in
the fourth grade.

The second grade children are stu-
dying the Eskimos.

Alex. Smith of the first grade has
been sick for some time. It was ne-
cessary to have his tonsils removed.

"The Biography of a Grizzly" is be-
ing read for opening exercises in the
fourth grade.

The date of the junior party will be
April 13 instead of March 13 as an-
nounced last week in the school notes.

Remember that two free lectures
will be given during the month of
February under the auspices of the
Mothers' club, Prof. Davis Feb. 3 and
Prof. Henderson Feb. 22.

The 4 B language class re-told and
dramatized the story of Atlas and
Prometheus last week.

Miss Marion Salling has been ac-
ting as substitute in the lower fifth
room a part of the week owing to the
illness of the teacher, Mrs. Burritt.

The second grade pupils are to have
a sleighride at the end of the month
for all pupils who have been neither
absent nor tardy.

The girls of the High school draw-
ing class are stenciling designs on ta-
ble runners and porch pillows. The
material used is linen crash and the
stenciling is done with oil paints.

"A child has the right to attend
school believing every teacher is a
true guide, a faithful instructor, a
close friend with no rough edges."

Thirty sections of wall bars, two
vaulting horses, two mats and eight
climbing ropes have been ordered for
the gymnasium and will be installed
as soon as they get here. Hooray for
the improvement!

We expect to start a class in com-
mercial law at the beginning of the
next semester. The following is a
brief outline of what this work will in-
clude: a study of the divisions of law,
courts and their procedure, the for-
mation of contracts, operation and
discharge of contracts, particular con-
tracts concerning goods, bailment of
goods, insurance contracts, credits
and loans, the contract of guaranty,
negotiable instruments, negotiable
papers, maker's and acceptor's con-
tract, drawer's and indorser's con-
tract, agency, the conduct of business
thru representatives, principal and
agent, partnerships and joint stock
companies, corporations, property in
land and movables, estates in real
property, land, its constituents, fix-
tures and growth, relative rights of
adjoining owners, personal property,
etc.

BASKET BALL.

The West Branch girls and boys'
basket ball teams played here Friday
night, Jan. 12 and were defeated in
both games. The Grayling boys scored
nearly five points to their opponents
one, winning 44 to 9. The girls' score
was 11 to 5.

The girls' game was called first and
each team played a nice clean game,
there being nothing spectacular on
either side. Nina Petersen scored all
the points for the home team, making
five field baskets and one free throw.
She was given good support by the
other members of the team. The West
Branch forwards divided the honors,
each ringing one field basket.

The Grayling boys outlasted the
West Branch squad during the en-
tire game and in every department.
Grayling having hold of the ball the
greater part of the game. West Branch
could not get an opportunity to try for
many baskets, and at no time looked
like a winner.

Karpus' basket shooting and clever
floor work, combined with Thompson's
ability to cover his man, featured the
contest for Grayling. Meistrup play-
ed a very good game at center and
Shanahan and Doroh played their
positions well, at the same time assist-
ing in good team work which existed
thruout the game.

This game was a greater defeat
than West Branch received from Bay
City. With this fact in view, it would
seem that, if it were possible for Gray-
ling to play Bay City, a close and in-
teresting game would result, which
would draw a large crowd. This is
what our association needs, the sup-
port of the community.

The line-up for the two games were
as follows:

Grayling	Girls:	West Branch
Nina Petersen	L. F. Stella Prevost	
Fern Armstrong	R. F. May Jones	
Anna Peterson	C. Burnett Carroll	
Gladys Everett	L. G. Alice Weir	
Vita Fischer	R. G. Alvina Hobohm	
Mildred Bates	S. C. N. Blumenthal	

Grayling	Boys:	West Branch
Carl Doroh	L. F. Payne	
Arthur Karpus	R. F. Merrill	
Carlton Meistrup	C. McCoy	
Grant Thompson	L. G. Cullen	
Frank Shanahan	R. G. Miller	

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any large advertisements,
but we want you all to come
to our store and you will
find some splendid bargains
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till night, is to push high prices
down, giving you the chance to
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DURA lasts twice as long as any
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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 18

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Board of Supervisors

OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

At an adjourned session of the Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, commenced and held at the Court house in the Village of Grayling in said County, on Tuesday the 2nd day of January 1917.

Board called to order by the Chairman.

Roll called.
Present: Supervisors M. A. Bates, J. E. Kellogg, Frank E. Love, Edwin S. Chalker, Elmer Head.

Absent on leave, Supervisor Craven, being disabled.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

By the Clerk:

Grayling, January 2, 1917.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Chairman:

Before retiring from office I respectfully request you to make an investigation and thorough inspection of all the County records, under my charge, and a full and complete settlement of all the accounts kept by me as County Clerk up to and including December 31st, 1916, also for a settlement with the County Treasurer up to said date.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Niederer,
Retiring County Clerk.

Moved by Supervisor Chalker that the request of the retiring County Clerk be granted and the same be referred to the Committee on Finance and Settlement. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

Grayling, Dec. 31, 1916.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Chairman:

In the matter of John Beller, an insane person, now deceased, I beg leave to make the following report:

In the year 1887 the said John Beller, then a resident of South Branch township, was by the Probate Court declared insane, and admitted to the Northern Michigan Asylum at Traverse City, as a Public Patient.

The County records and the records of the Asylum show that Crawford county paid Court expenses, transportation, and for care and maintenance at the Asylum, the sum of \$300.00.

On November 4th, 1909 a Guardian was appointed for said John Beller by the Probate Court of this County, and the proper bond given and filed by said Guardian.

On October 10, 1910 the said Guardian sold some property of said John Beller and reported the sale to the Probate Court.

On March 10, 1914 the said Guardian died, but no final accounting in this case had been made to the Court, and the County had never been reimbursed for their expenditures.

Section 8717 of the compiled laws of Michigan provides:

Every guardian shall pay all just debts due from his ward and all expenses incurred by any County, in care, support or maintenance of such ward, etc.

As directed by you at the April session 1916, I have prepared, from the records in the County Treasurer's office and Probate office, an itemized statement of all the moneys paid by Crawford county for said insane person, beginning with the year 1887; I also prepared a petition to the Probate court, giving a complete history of the case from 1887 to 1916, based on proofs from the records and files in the Probate office, which said petition with itemized statement of moneys paid by the County attached, was filed in the Probate court on May 1, 1916, asking for the allowance of the same.

On June 17, 1916 a hearing of said petition in the Probate court was had, the claim of the County as per statement was allowed, and the heirs and bondsmen of said deceased Guardian was promptly notified, asking them for a settlement within 30 days.

On October 23, 1916 another hearing in the Probate court on the petition as granted, was had, the bondsmen of said Guardian also being present; at this last hearing the accounts were finally settled, and the bondsmen of said Guardian then and there paid

over to the treasurer of Crawford County the amount due the County from the person and estate of the said John Beller, as determined by the Probate Court.

This case is now closed and the County got what justly belonged to them. All of which is respectfully submitted.

John J. Niederer,
County Clerk.

Moved by Supervisor Love that the report of the County Clerk on the Beller Matter be accepted and adopted and spread upon the Supervisors' record. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Love that the bills filed with the Clerk be placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims and Accounts. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Supervisor Head the Board adjourned until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John J. Niederer,
Clerk.

M. A. Bates,
Chairman.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 3, 1917.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The committee on claims and accounts proceeded to audit bills, and at 11:30 o'clock on motion the Board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN. 3, 1917.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Moved by Supervisor Head that the clerk be authorized to take care of the county membership fee in the Northern Michigan Development bureau and expense account. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Craven that a telephone be installed in the office of the prosecuting attorney at the expense of the county. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Craven that the chair appoint two delegates to the State Tax Association. Motion prevailed.

The chair appointed Supervisors Kellogg and Chalker.

On motion of Supervisor Head, the Board adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John J. Niederer,
Clerk.

M. A. Bates,
Chairman.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 4, 1917.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Supervisor Craven that the Board resolve itself into a committee of the whole, and proceed to settle with the county treasurer and the retiring county clerk. Motion prevailed.

At 11:30 o'clock on motion the Board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN. 4, 1917.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SETTLEMENT.

Grayling, Jan. 4, 1917.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Chairman:

Your committee on Finance and Settlement to whom was referred the matter of a settlement with the County treasurer and the retiring County clerk, respectfully report that they compared all orders drawn and paid, as shown by the stub book of the county clerk, with the entries of the county treasurer's journal, and have cancelled the said orders and returned them to the county clerk.

We have compared and checked all receipts with the entries in the county clerk's books and the county treasurer's journal and ledger. We have compared and checked monthly total receipts and expenditures in county treasurer's journal and ledger and county clerk's account books and we find that on Dec. 31, 1916 there is a balance on hand in the county treasury of \$5681.18, which is more fully shown by the hereto attached balance account, which said amount was proven to be on hand by the county treasurer's bank account.

We have made careful examination and find that the accounts in the county treasurer's office and in the county clerk's office are kept very accurate and correct, and brought down to date under a good system.

We have also examined and inspected the books and records in the county clerk's office, and find them kept accurately and systematically, and in every way complete. And we desire at this time, but to add our commendation to the competent and conscientious performance of every duty on the part of our retiring county clerk, who so faithfully served Crawford County in one capacity or another for over a quarter of a century. We, therefore submit to you the settlement with the county clerk and county treasurer as complete and ask your approval thereof. Respectfully yours,

F. E. Love,
Elmer Head,
J. E. Kellogg.

Supervisor Craven moved the adoption of the report.

Yea and nay vote called.

Supervisor Bates, Craven, Head, Kellogg, Love and Head, voted yea.

Report declared adopted.

On motion of Supervisor Kellogg, the Board adjourned until 8:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John J. Niederer,
Clerk.

M. A. Bates,
Chairman.

MORNING SESSION, JANUARY 5, 1917.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

At 11 a. m. the committee on claims and accounts reported progress and on motion of Supervisor Kellogg the Board adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JANUARY 5, 1917.

Board called to order by the Chairman.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

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Supervisors Craven moved the adoption of the report.

Yea and nay vote called.

Supervisor Bates, Craven, Chalker, Kellogg, Love and Head, voted yea.

Nay none.

Report declared adopted.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT.

Grayling, December 31, 1916.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County:

Mr. Chairman:

Under the Judiciary Act, passed by the Legislature in 1915, all cases in the Circuit court and Court of Chancery, in which no progress had been made for more than one year, must by the Clerk of the Court be placed upon the Calendar and brought into Court for final action. Crawford County had 600 of those cases, where the Court dockets did not show any final disposition thereof. It became therefore necessary, under said Law, for the Clerk of the Court:

1. to list from the Circuit court dockets and Chancery dockets, all cases which did not show a final disposition thereof and to prepare therefrom an informal Court calendar;

2. to examine all the files of each of those cases and make a memorandum thereof for each case.

3. to search and examine all the Circuit court journals and Chancery journals as to those cases so listed from the year 1879 to 1916 and to make notes of the findings in each case;

4. to prepare a regular calendar and bring the cases into Court for final action of the Court;

5. to record in the Circuit court journal all final judgements, court orders and decrees under the direction of the Court;

6. to prepare separate decrees in all the Chancery cases, and after the endorsement of the Court, attach them to the files of the respective cases;

7. to enter upon the Circuit court dockets and Chancery dockets, every one of those 600 cases, giving the date, nature of judgment, Court order or decree, and the page where the same is recorded.

This work is now all completed, under the direction and with the full approval of the Court, and our records show the final disposition of every case that ever went into Court from the 10th day of January, 1879 to the 12th day of October 1916, and bear inspection by anyone. All of which is respectfully submitted.

John J. Niederer,
County Clerk.

By the Court:

Your report to the Board of Supervisors as to the work of preparing the calendar of old cases is very full and complete. I can add nothing to it. It was surely a big job and nowhere was it better performed than in our County. Yours very truly,

Nelson Sharpe.

Moved by Supervisor Craven that the report of the County Clerk be accepted and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the Supervisor's journal as approved.

Yea and nay vote called.

Supervisor Bates, Craven, Chalker, Love, Head and Kellogg, voted Yea.

Nay none.

Report declared adopted and complemented by a rising vote.

Whereupon on motion the Board adjourned until 8:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John J. Niederer,
Clerk.

M. A. Bates,
Chairman.

MORNING SESSION, JANUARY 6, 1917.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means. (On Bonds.)

Grayling, Jan. 6, 1917.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors.

Gentlemen:

Your committee on Ways and Means, to whom were referred the official Bond of the several county officers for the ensuing term, respectfully report that they have examined the same and recommend the approval of the following Bonds to wit:

SHERIFF.

The Bond of Wm. H. Cody in the sum of \$10,000.00, sureties, Marius Hanson, T. W. Hanson, Rasmus Hanson.

COUNTY TREASURER.

Bond of E. S. Houghton, \$20,000.00, sureties, Marius Hanson, George L. Alexander, Rasmus Hanson.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Allen B. Failing, \$3000.00, sureties.

Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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